

## Songs Raise on High

Sound over all waters, reach from all lands,  
The chorus of voices, the clasp of hands;  
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,  
Sing songs of the angel when Jesus was born!  
With glad jubilation  
Bring hope to the nations!  
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;  
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,  
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one.  
Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;  
East, west, north and south, let the quarrels all cease,  
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,  
Sing of glory to God and of good will to man!  
Hark, joining the chorus  
The heavens bend o'er us!  
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

C. R. Brewer transacted business in Saginaw on Wednesday.  
T. J. Clark left yesterday for Detroit on a short business trip.  
Al Mann was in Bay City on business on Wednesday of this week.  
Dr. Pringle was in Elwell on business on Wednesday of this week.  
Roy Miller was in Detroit on business on Wednesday of this week.  
F. L. Rice transacted business in Saginaw on Tuesday of this week.  
Professor Hedges of Alma college will spend the holidays in Columbus, Ohio.  
Nick Frantsos transacted business in Grand Rapids on Monday of this week.  
Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, Vermeulen block. Union phone 41—Ad.  
Vern Bamber is building three new houses on the Mary Wheeler addition on Ely street.  
C. A. Miller left Wednesday for Grand Rapids, where he will visit friends for a few days.  
Dr. Hume of Owosso was a visitor at the Michigan Masonic Home here on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. C. A. Miller entertained a party of Ithaca ladies on Tuesday at cards and to a five o'clock luncheon.

George H. Smith representative for the Holland Furnace Company in this city, is in Ashley on business to-day.  
Alma college will close for the holidays on Wednesday of next week. College will open again Tuesday, January 2nd, 1917.

Charles Caple, of Canandaigua, New York, a former Alma boy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Caple this week.

Mary Pickford in "Less than Dust" made by her own film corporation at the Alma Vaudeville soon. Watch and wait.

Thomas Grover was called to Berlin, Ontario, a few days ago, to attend the funeral of his son's wife, Mrs. Perry Grover.

The annual meeting of the Civic Improvement league will be held the second Friday in January this year. Notice of the meeting will be issued later.

Professor R. F. Veatch of Alma college will spend the holidays in New York city, where he will study and also attend some of the big concerts that will be held there.

George Irish has sold his farm in Arcadia township to John Fish. Mr. Irish has purchased a home in the city and will move to Alma about the first of the year.

The Civic Improvement league following that old and most beautiful custom, requests that there be a lighted candle placed in a window in every home in Alma from 5:00 until 7:00 o'clock Christmas evening.

Sixteen houses have already been started in the Kensington addition. Two hundred and forty is the aim of the owners, the houses to be built by July 1, 1917. They are selling on easy terms and finding ready sales. This company will aid much in solving Alma housing proposition.

Mrs. V. P. Cash, who has been visiting with her sister in Baltimore, Maryland, for the past two months is expected home the latter part of the week. She was one of the visitors at the National Capital, when Congress convened and heard President Wilson give his address to Congress.

A big meeting will be held by the Detroit Presbyterian Alliance in the interests of Alma college on the evening of January 19th. Dr. Mackenzie of the college board and Editor McDonald of the Toronto Globe will be among the speakers. The Alma college Glee club may attend and furnish music.

The Philatelic class of the M. E. Bible school met at the home of its teacher, Mrs. T. G. R. Brownlow on December 5th for its regular monthly business meeting in charge of its president, Mrs. F. E. Wood and for Bible study, a lesson on the character and life of Hannah, led by Mrs. Carl H. Washburn. A percentage of the members were present and report a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Happy rural carriers are those handling mail in Gratiot county. During the year of July 1914 to July 1915 the post office department paid these men for what they did, instead of at the \$1,200 rate, and this week, checks came for the carriers, to make up the balance of the \$1,200 for that year. Some of the carriers out of Alma received as much as \$100, which unlooked for, makes a fine Christmas present.

The Alma high school basketball team will open its season on Friday evening with a game with Breckenridge team. Just what Breckenridge has to offer, is not known, and the locals will take no chance on an easy game, after Breckenridge appeared anxious to schedule the bout. Coach Lake is desirous of looking over his bunch, and will use a number of men, win or lose, so that he may get a line on the men, when under fire.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma, Michigan, December 11th, 1916.  
Advertised list for week ending December 11th, 1916.

Mr. John Brown; H. A. Hubbell; Mr. William Brammer; Mrs. Walter Kinzie; Mr. Fred Davidson; Mr. Floyd Mounts; Marshall Eastman; Mrs. Elmer Parmeter; Miss Edna Glazer; (two) Miss Dorothy Springer; Mr. Ernest Harris; Mr. Hugh Stewart; Mr. E. B. Hamilton; Mr. Josh Thornton; Mrs. Floyd Board; Mr. Paul Wagner; Mr. William House; Mr. Edd Yankee.

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter office December 25th, 1916.

Prepare yourself for a healthy happy Xmas; bathe and clean your stomach, liver and bowels; make them fresh and active; able to do their full duty—then you'll be well and happy—Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does the work Nature's way. Tea or Tab.

### A Smooth, Hairless Skin for Every Woman

For Beauty Secrets.

With the aid of a plain medol paste it is an easy matter to rid the skin of unsightly hairy growths. The paste is made by mixing soem water with powdered medol. This is applied to the hair not wanted and after two or three minutes rubbed off and the skin washed, when every trace of hair will have vanished. When you go to your druggist for medol be sure to get the genuine article, and if he will not supply you, the American Proprietary Co., of Boston, will send you a 50c or \$1.00 package by mail.

## Christmas Presents

Our Stock is one of the best and most complete in the city. Following are just a few articles that we have in stock for the holiday trade.

Christmas Cards	Perfumes	Kodaks
Cut Glass	Toilet Waters	Kodak Albums
Ravenware	Fine Candies	Bibles
College Jewelry	Smokers' Sets	Gift Books
Mirrors	Pipes	Boys' Books
Brushes	Cigars	Copyright Books
Toilet Cases	Music Rolls	Stationery
Razors	Pocketbooks	Fountain Pens
Shaving Sets	Bags	Dairies

Come in early while the stock is complete, I will be glad to serve you

## CHARLES MURPHY

"Your Prescription Druggist"

Advertise in the Record Want Column for Results

## ECONOMY SHOE STORE THE CHRISTMAS FOOTWEAR STORE

### Give Footwear This Christmas.

This year more than ever before the trend of public opinion is toward giving useful and practical gifts. Our store is truly the Xmas footwear store for the entire family. Buy Now while assortments are new, fresh and complete.

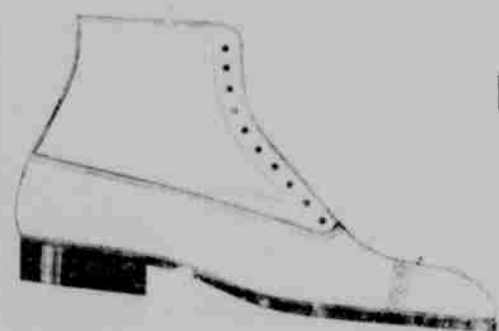
### Children's Footwear As Gifts.

Christmas is essentially the children's day. That's the reason we're so especially glad to have such a splendid assortment of footwear for the youngsters.

For Tiny Tots Boots and Baby Shoes in dainty colors..... **25c to 75c**  
For Boys and Girls, Shoes of every kind **50c to \$3.50**  
Boys' and Girls' Slippers **50c to \$1.50**

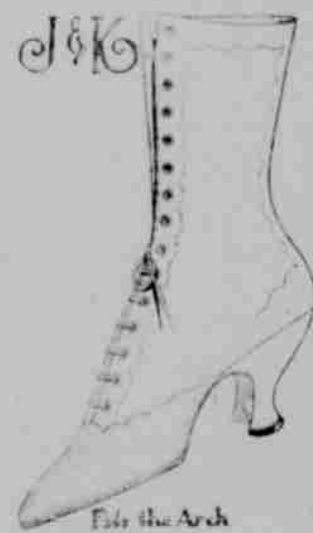


### Bostonion Shoes for Men



Every conceivable style to select from..... **\$4.50 to \$7.00**  
Other Styles **\$2.50 to \$4.00**  
**Men's House Slippers**  
In Romeo, Everett and Opera styles. Also new comfy's **50c to \$2.50**

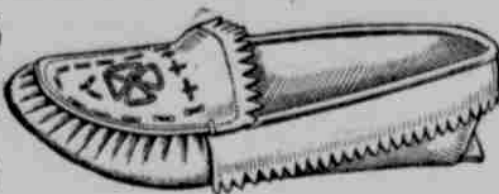
### Economy Shoes for Women



We are showing an attractive line of novelties as well as plain shoes what more acceptable gift could you give her.  
**\$2.50 to \$8.50**  
**Felt Slippers**  
The most pleasing Xmas Gift ever devised, all Styles and colors.  
**50c to \$2.00**

### Indian Moccasins a Fine Gift

For Men **\$2.75**  
For Infants **\$1.00**  
For Women **\$2.50**



### Hi-Cut Shoes for Boys

8½ to 11 **\$1.75 to \$2.50**  
11½ to 2 **\$2.50 to \$3.25**  
2½ to 5½ **\$3.00 to \$4.00**

### Prompt Courteous Service

We try and make our customers glad they came, and we have enough sales people to avoid any long waits.

Yours for Christmas Footwear

## ECONOMY SHOE STORE

"The Home of Good Shoes"

## Special Sale of Christmas Gifts at G. J. MAIER & CO.'S

Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothing  
"Florsheim" and "Ralston Shoes"

Every lady can find her Xmas Gifts for men at this store.

Men's Leather Suit Cases, Handbags at prices from

**\$6.00 to \$18**

Leather toilet sets for travelers, make the young man a desirable gift at **\$3.00 to \$18**

### Gloves

Fur lined Gloves, Auto Gauntlets.

Men's Hosiery in Silk, all colors. Assorted colors in box.

Silk Scarfs and Mufflers. Suspender sets in box at **50c**



Overcoats for Men

**\$12--\$15--\$18--\$25**

Overcoats for Boys

**\$2.50--\$3.00--\$6.00**

Mackinaws for Boys and Men

**\$3.50 to \$10.00**

Big Wool Auto Blankets at **\$6.00**. What better could he enjoy

Wool Shirts, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Caps, all these are the most useful presents.

Ladies' Gloves. Hosiery in all colored Silks.

Ladies' silk and linen Handkerchief Sets.

Box Handkerchiefs at **\$1.00** and **\$2.00** box.

### Our Shoe Stock

is full of all the New Leathers and Shapes in Men's Shoes. You can find the shoes for you here at the popular old prices.

**\$3.50 to \$7.00**

Patent Leather Dress Shoe for the Xmas gatherings.



THE WORLD'S BEST GLOVES



Boys, get your Ladies' Handkerchiefs at a Man's Store **25c--50c to \$3.00.**

## G. J. MAIER & CO.

Your store for Xmas Gifts.

ALMA